

CLAIM LISTING:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of light sources having different wavelengths and emitting light beams by which a color light-sensitive material is exposed;

an image processor, which receives image data for a plurality of colors including black, and forms first exposure data for image data in which black and another color overlap and second exposure data for black-only image data that differs from the first exposure data; and

a controller, which controls the plurality of light sources according to the first and second exposure data formed by the image processor,

~~wherein the image processor forms different exposure data for image data in which black and another color overlap, than for image data of black only, and~~
wherein the ~~different~~first exposure data results in a higher density black color being generated in the color light-sensitive material for the image data in which black and another color overlap, than ~~[[that]]the density of the black color~~ generated for the black-only image data.

3. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming apparatus comprising:

a plurality of light sources having different wavelengths and emitting light beams by which a color light-sensitive material is exposed;

an image processor, which receives image data for a plurality of colors including black, and forms first exposure data for image data in which black and another color

overlap and second exposure data for black-only image data that differs from the first exposure data; and

a controller, which controls the plurality of light sources according to the first and second exposure data formed by the image processor,

~~wherein the image processor forms different exposure data for image data in which black and another color overlap, than for image data of black only, and wherein the different~~first exposure data results in a lower density black color being generated in the color light-sensitive material for the image data in which black and another color overlap, than ~~[[that]]~~the density of the black color generated for the black-only image data.

4 – 5. (Cancelled).

6. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming method comprising the steps of:
receiving first image data ~~for a plurality of colors including black~~in which black and another color overlap and second, black-only, image data;

forming ~~different~~first exposure data for the first image data ~~in which black and another color overlap than for~~ that differs from second exposure data for the second, black-only, image data;

exposing a color light-sensitive material according to the first and second exposure data; and

forming a color proof ~~comprising~~
~~generating a black color on the color light sensitive material for the black only exposure data, and~~

~~generating a higher density black color on the color light sensitive material for the black-
and another color overlap exposure data than the black color generated for the black-
only exposure data.~~

wherein the color light sensitive material will generate a black color of a first
density after exposure according to the first exposure data and a black color of a
second, lower, density after exposure according to the second exposure data.

7. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming method comprising the steps of:
receiving first image data for a plurality of colors including black in which black
and another color overlap and second, black-only, image data;

forming ~~different first~~ exposure data for the first image data ~~in which black and
another color overlap than for~~ that differs from second exposure data for the second,
black-only, image data;

exposing a color light-sensitive material according to the first and second
exposure data; and

forming a color proof comprising-
~~generating a black color on the color light sensitive material for the black-only exposure-
data, and~~

~~generating a lower density black color on the color light sensitive material for the
black and another color overlap exposure data than the black color generated for the
black-only exposure data.~~

wherein the color light sensitive material will generate a black color of a first
density after exposure according to the first exposure data and a black color of a
second, higher, density after exposure according to the second exposure data.

8. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming method comprising the steps of:
exposing a color light-sensitive material according to first exposure data for first
image data in which black and another color overlap and to second ~~that is different from~~
exposure data for second, black-only, image data; and
forming a color proof, ~~comprising~~
~~generating a black color on the color light sensitive material for the black-only~~
~~exposure data, and~~
~~generating a higher density black color on the color light sensitive material for the~~
~~black and another color overlap exposure data than the black color generated for the~~
~~black-only exposure data.~~
wherein the color light sensitive material will generate a black color of a first
density after exposure according to the first exposure data and a black color of a
second, lower, density after exposure according to the second exposure data.

9. (Currently Amended) A color proof forming method comprising the steps of:
exposing a color light-sensitive material according to first exposure data for first
image data in which black and another color overlap and to second ~~that is different from~~
exposure data for second, black-only, image data; and
forming a color proof, ~~comprising~~
~~generating a black color on the color light sensitive material for the black-only~~
~~exposure data, and~~

~~generating a lower density black color on the color light sensitive material for the black-
and another color overlap exposure data than the black color generated for the black-
only exposure data.~~

wherein the color light sensitive material will generate a black color of a first
density after exposure according to the first exposure data and a black color of a
second, higher, density after exposure according to the second exposure data.